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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (new): A basket made from a predetermined tree trunk having an inner wood section and an outer wood section formed by bark of said tree trunk for surrounding said inner wood section, wherein said basket comprises:

a tree-made portion, which has:

a top surface formed by a first cut of said tree trunk across said inner wood section and said outer wood section;

a bottom surface formed by a second cut of said tree trunk across said inner wood section and said outer wood section, wherein said top surface is spacedly apart from said bottom surface; and

a portion body integrally extended between said top surface and said bottom surface, and defines a cavity within said portion body, wherein a physical contour of said portion body follows a natural geometrical contour of such portion of said tree trunk between said first cut and said second cut, so that an appearance of said tree-made portion constitutes a natural appearance of said tree trunk for carrying an object within said hollow cavity.

Claim 16 (new): The basket, as recited in claim 15, wherein said portion body further has an inner portion layer formed by said inner wood section of said tree-trunk for forming said cavity within said portion body, and an outer portion layer which is formed by said outer wood portion of said tree trunk to constitute said corresponding natural appearance of said portion body as said natural appearance of said outer wood portion of said tree trunk.

Claim 17 (new): The basket, as recited in claim 15, wherein said tree-made portion comprises a handle integrally extended from said portion body for allowing said portion body to be carried via said handle, wherein said handle is formed by carving said tree trunk at said top surface of said tree-made portion.

Claim 18 (new): The basket, as recited in claim 16, wherein said tree-made portion comprises a handle integrally extended from said portion body for allowing said

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portion body to be carried via said handle, wherein said handle is formed by carving said tree trunk at said top surface of said tree-made portion.

Claim 19 (new): The basket, as recited in claim 15, wherein said portion body further has at least one kind of natural imperfection formed thereon for naturally imparting said portion body with said natural imperfection of said tree trunk.

Claim 20 (new): The basket, as recited in claim 17, wherein said portion body further has at least one kind of natural imperfection formed thereon for naturally imparting said portion body with said natural imperfection of said tree trunk.

Claim 21 (new): The basket, as recited in claim 18, wherein said portion body further has at least one kind of natural imperfection formed thereon for naturally imparting said portion body with said natural imperfection of said tree trunk.

Claim 22 (new): The basket, which is manufactured by a method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a tree trunk having an inner wood section and an outer wood section formed by bark of said tree trunk for surrounding said inner wood section;

(b) forming a first cut by first cutting said tree trunk across said inner wood section and said outer wood section to form a top surface of said basket;

(c) forming a second cut by second cutting said tree trunk across said inner wood section and said outer wood section at a position spacedly apart from said first cut to form a bottom surface of said basket; and

(d) carving a portion body from said tree trunk between said top surface and said bottom surface, in such a manner that said portion body is integrally extended between said top surface and said bottom surface, and defines a cavity within said portion body, wherein a physical contour of said portion body follows a natural geometrical contour of such portion of said tree trunk between said first cut and said second cut, so that an appearance of said tree-made portion constitutes a natural appearance of said tree trunk for carrying an object within said hollow cavity.

Claim 23 (new): A method of manufacturing a basket, comprising the steps of:

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(a) providing a tree trunk having an inner wood section and an outer wood section formed by bark of said tree trunk for surrounding said inner wood section;

(b) forming a first cut by first cutting said tree trunk across said inner wood section and said outer wood section to form a top surface of said basket;

(c) forming a second cut by second cutting said tree trunk across said inner wood section and said outer wood section at a position spacedly apart from said first cut to form a bottom surface of said basket; and

(d) carving a portion body from said tree trunk between said top surface and said bottom surface, in such a manner that said portion body is integrally extended between said top surface and said bottom surface, and defines a cavity within said portion body, wherein a physical contour of said portion body follows a natural geometrical contour of such portion of said tree trunk between said first cut and said second cut, so that an appearance of said tree-made portion constitutes a natural appearance of said tree trunk for carrying an object within said hollow cavity.

Claim 24 (new): The method, as recited in claim 23, further comprising a step of carving a handle at said top surface of said portion body, wherein said is integrally extended from said portion body for allowing said portion body to be carried via said handle.

Claim 25 (new): The method, as recited in claim 23, further comprising a step of forming at least one kind of natural imperfection on said portion body for naturally imparting said portion body with said natural imperfection of said tree trunk.

Claim 26 (new): The method, as recited in claim 24, further comprising a step of forming at least one kind of natural imperfection on said portion body for naturally imparting said portion body with said natural imperfection of said tree trunk.

Claim 27 (new): The method, as recited in claim 23, wherein said portion body further has an inner portion layer formed by said inner wood section of said tree-trunk for forming said cavity within said portion body, and an outer portion layer which is formed by said outer wood portion of said tree trunk to constitute said corresponding natural appearance of said portion body as said natural appearance of said outer wood portion of said tree trunk.

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Claim 28 (new): The method, as recited in claim 25, wherein said portion body further has an inner portion layer formed by said inner wood section of said tree-trunk for forming said cavity within said portion body, and an outer portion layer which is formed by said outer wood portion of said tree trunk to constitute said corresponding natural appearance of said portion body as said natural appearance of said outer wood portion of said tree trunk.

Claim 29 (new): The method, as recited in claim 26, wherein said portion body further has an inner portion layer formed by said inner wood section of said tree-trunk for forming said cavity within said portion body, and an outer portion layer which is formed by said outer wood portion of said tree trunk to constitute said corresponding natural appearance of said portion body as said natural appearance of said outer wood portion of said tree trunk.